EPC CHURCH PLANTERS RETREAT
Colorado Springs, Colorado
October 23-25, 2018

"Encouraging and Equipping Church Planters and Network Leaders."

Our leaders…

Cron and Elizabeth Gibson—Cron is the Founder and Executive Director of the Hopewell equipping and counseling ministry center**.** His passion is helping people find life-transforming hope, build deep and satisfying relationships with others, and learn peace in their own souls in the midst of the deepest struggles in their lives and relationships. Elizabeth is a sought after marriage and family therapist.

Thabiti Anyabwile—*is the planting pastor of Anacostia River Church in Washington, DC, and a Council member of The Gospel Coalition. After a few years as a practicing Muslim, Thabiti was converted under the preaching of the gospel in the Washington DC area. He and his wife, Kristie, have three children. Thabiti is the author of several books, including The Life of God in the Soul of the Church; The Gospel for Muslims; What Is a Healthy Church Member?; The Decline of African-American Theology; and The Faithful Preacher. He blogs regularly at The Front Porch and Pure Church.*

Josh Stewart—*is our worship leader and a fellow church planter in the EPC. Josh is the Pastor of Vision Implementation/Lead Pastor at the Goodwill Church New Paltz In Montgomery, New York.*

NEW THIS RETREAT…
Multiplying Church Senior Pastor Peer Cohort
Mike Moses and Sandy Wilson will host and convene a learning experience for pastors of churches that are currently a church planting church or are planning to become one. The group will explore biblical, historical and practical rationale for being a multiplying church. Best practices will be shared and discussed for how to form a vision for church planting in an existing church, how to lead a Session to unify around such a vision, and methods of organization and funding for long term church planting out of an existing church. Mike Moses is lead pastor of the Lake Forest family of churches in Charlotte, North Carolina which plants a new church every one to two years. Sandy Wilson is the recently retired senior pastor of second Presbyterian church in Memphis Tennessee, which has planted daughter churches regularly over the past 40 years.

Retreat Costs…
Church Planters and Spouses—we will pay your entire hotel and meal expenses—you just have to get here! (Ask your Presbytery to cover this expense!)
Network Leaders, Presbytery Leaders, all others--Cost is $600 per person, ($900.00 for couples) + travel (it's worth it!)

Our Schedule…

Tuesday

12:00-1:30 PM-- Arrive, lunch at hotel, settle in

1:30-2:00 PM-- Welcome By Tom Ricks, National Church Planting Team Leader

2:00-3:00PM--Plenary Session #1 for all with Cron and Elizabeth Gibson—
"Healthy Home, Healthy Church"
(e.g.--Guides to keep your personal spiritual health, Marriage, and Family healthy)

IMPORTANT NOTE: couples can sign-up for a 30 minute personal marriage coaching session with Cron and Elizabeth Gibson Wednesday afternoon or evening (no cost), Times available between 1-5, 7-9pm

3:30-5pm—Seminar #1
(You will be able to attend three seminars during the retreat) Each seminar is limited to 10 participants. Sign-ups can be done online when you register)
Options (choose 3 plus one alternative if a seminar is full):

1. *Developing a Discipleship Culture*
2. *Millenials/Generational Issues*
3. *Sexuality issues: Loving a changing world*
4. *Rebooting after it goes slow*
5. *The Nuts and Bolts of Church Planting*
6. *"Maximizing your online presence"*

NOTE: "Treks" will also be offered for spouses and mentors. These treks will meet during seminar times as well as during Plenary Sessions 2 & 3)

*Trek #1—**"Help, I'm the Spouse of a Church Planter"** led by Elizabeth Gibson*

*Trek #2—"**Multiplying Church Senior Pastor Peer Cohort"** led by* Mike Moses and Sandy Wilson

5:00-5:30PM—Worship and Evening Prayer, led by team

5:30-8:00 PM—Dinner and Evening out at "The House" (Air BnB with Chef Holland)

Wednesday

8:00-9:00 AM Breakfast at Hotel

9:00-9:30 AM—Morning Worship and Prayer, led by team

9:30-10:30 AM—Plenary Session #2 with Thabiti Anyabwile

10:45-12noon—Seminar #2 (Spouses and Senior Pastor Cohort continue)

12:00-1:00 PM PM—Lunch

1:30-6:00 PM—Afternoon activity –on your own!
Additional options (advance sign up required):

1) Couples coaching with Cron and Elizabeth (by appointment only)
2) Golf
3) Trip up to Pikes Peak via bus (no cost)

6:30-8:30 PM—Dinner at the "House"

Thursday

Sunrise—Garden of the Gods (Signup, an unbelievable prayerful, meditative walk through glory)

8:00-9:00 AM—Breakfast

9:00-10:30 AM— **eminar #2** (Spouses and Senior Pastor Cohort continue)

10:30-11:45AM— **Plenary Session #3 with Thabiti Anyabwile** / Communion

11:45am—close with Tom Ricks